

**DSC leaders send letter opposing merger with resources agency**

Delta Stewardship Council Chairman (DSC) Phil Isenberg and DSC Vice Chairman Randy Fiorini have sent a [letter to the Little Hoover Commission](#) opposing the proposed merging of the DSC into the California Natural Resources Agency. The merging is part of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s [reorganization plan](#). In the letter, Isenberg and Fiorini make the case for maintaining the DSC as an independent state agency. The reasons include potential complications in overseeing compliance with the Delta Plan and concern that the role of the Delta Independent Science Board as a neutral scientific investigative body would be undercut by merging.

**NRC report on the agenda for next week's science board meeting**

The Delta Independent Science Board will meet May 3 and 4 in Sacramento to discuss a recent report from the National Research Council (NRC) and topics related to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The [NRC report](#) looks at sustainable water and environmental management in the Delta. The full agenda and meeting materials are available on the [DSC website](#).

**USRP awards more than \$8.8 million for stream project grants**

DWR's Urban Streams Restoration Project (USRP) has released a list of 12 grant awards totaling more than \$8.8 million. Details are available in this [news release](#). A list of the projects and a map of their locations are available on the [USRP website](#). The USRP provides grants that cover a variety of flood-related community projects.

**Workshop set to review two juvenile fish programs**

A workshop will be held next month on the review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Juvenile Salmon Survival Studies Program and the Interagency Ecological Program's (IEP's) Juvenile Fishes Monitoring Program. The workshop will be Friday, May 11, in Sacramento. Details will be posted as they become available on the [IEP website](#). A webcast of the workshop will be available.

**Online DSC booklet provides look at water issues in California**

The DSC has published an online booklet with information on a wide range of water issues facing California, with particular focus on the Delta. [Facts and Information on California's Water and Environmental Debates](#) includes a variety of charts and graphs to illustrate how water management has developed over the decades, and it provides a snapshot of projected water supply and usage.

**State's new wildlife strategic vision made available online**

The new [California Fish and Game Wildlife Strategic Vision](#) has been published online by the state's Natural Resources Agency. The vision will guide the California Department of Fish and Game and the California Fish and Game Commission in becoming more efficient and innovative. A [news release](#) and a [message](#) from Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird are also available.

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